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- 1. The LOWA Waggonbau, Werdau, was saved from financial ruin by a grant of 20,000,000 DM East from the East German government. The plant and stocks on hand have an estimated value of 11,000,000 DM East.
- 2. The plant makes mounts and parts for armored personnel carriers which are delivered to Nordhausen. The area at Nordhausen is a closed area. The works are partly underground.
- 3. The Werdau plant has been working since October 1952 on an order for 1,400 six-wheeled trucks for the Volkspolizei. Currently it is also manufacturing six-seater personnel cars without doors for the Volkspolizei. These cars are fitted with command sets by the Sachsenwerk Radeberg.
- 4. Recently, about 20 Diesel engines were delivered to the Werdau plant by the VEB IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Horch, Zwickau, Saxony.